

**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

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For meeting of September 16, 2004

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Alan Fox
Ron Salk
Bruce Alton
Douglas Haubert
Bob Luskin
Carol Soccio
Don Temple
Deborah Veady
Bernhard Clever

**MEMBERS
ABSENT**

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Chris Kunze
Dottie Jones
Lonnie Mitchell
Sharon Diggs-Jackson
Ken Ashmore
Sileneka Smith
Jerry Caliguiri
Christine Edwards
Rachel Korkos

**OTHERS
PRESENT**

Sign-in sheet attached or
available on request

Call to Order

Chair Alan Fox called the Airport Advisory Commission to order at 4:10 p.m., at the Long Beach Energy Department.

Roll Call

Mr. Chris Kunze, Airport Manager, called roll and certified that a quorum was present.

Chairman Fox presented Commissioner Ron Salk with a gavel inscribed with his two years of service as Chair of the Airport Advisory Commission and lauded his service on the Commission and on the special Study Committee sessions.

Approval of Minutes

The Airport Advisory Commission minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2004 were approved as submitted.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Airport Bureau Staff Report

- Chris Kunze introduced Ms. Christine Edwards, to give an update on upcoming events and the rehabilitation of Runway 12/30. Ms. Edwards stated that Long Beach Airport is hosting the AOPA 2004 Expo October 21-23, 2004. She stated that there is a need for 150 volunteers to help park airplanes and various other duties. She stated that 1,500 aircraft are expected to arrive over the three days of the Expo and that Runway 16L and 16R will be closed for aircraft parking, along with other taxiways. Ms. Edwards stated that the runway project will have its last runway closure September 18&19, and that the contractor is on schedule with all paving. However, there will be paving beyond this weekend closure to improve taxiway entrances and shoulders through December. Ms. Edwards reviewed the need to shut down the instrument landing system localizer to accommodate construction of a jet blast pad. She stated that the antenna would be out of service until 10/6 when a flight check will be completed. She stated that the main reason for unusual arrival flight paths lately has been because the Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been down for service (due to the runway rehabilitation project and related required construction and grading in the vicinity of the

ILS antennas). The ILS provides guidance for arriving aircraft to fly a straight-line path to the main runway. Some airlines are equipped and approved to fly an alternate approach using the Global Positioning System (GPS) that allows them to fly what looks like a typical ILS approach. Others not using GPS are opting to fly what is called the VOR approach, which requires the aircraft to first fly toward Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, and then make a turn toward Long Beach Airport's main runway. This approach path is north of the flight paths typically used. The ILS is scheduled to be back in service October 6. Flight paths will return to normal once the ILS is operational again. Ms. Edwards stated that the contractor will continue work on the electrical vault and punch list items through March/April 2005.

Commissioner Alton asked if the runway project would be increasing the capacity of the runway, and if that was meant in the context of anticipated flights and gross weight. Ms. Edwards stated that there is nothing being done in the project that would increase the length of the runway, or increase the number of airplanes that it could handle, or increase the weight of an airplane that could use the runway. Mr. Kunze stated that there are two tunnels under Runway 12/30 which are controlling factors in gross weight accommodation.

- Ms. Lonnie Mitchell gave an update on recent events, stating that on September 10th a suspicious smoke trail was seen near the Runway 30 approach flight path. She stated that City agencies were dispatched to investigate. On September 13th, the FAA reported a regional air traffic control radio outage, causing four flights to be cancelled and others diverted. Also, she stated that the Department of Homeland Security issued an announcement for new passenger screening procedures.
- Ken Ashmore gave the noise report for August. Chris Kunze reviewed the load factor report, noting that August is typically one of the strongest months for air travel.
- Commissioner Soccio asked that if the number of flights are the same as in 1989, why are record numbers being reported. Mr. Kunze stated that it is due to larger aircraft sizing and load factors. They average load factors in the late-80's was under 55% according to Mr. Kunze.
- Mr. Kunze reviewed a memo drafted by Chairman Fox based on the last meeting, to the Mayor and City Council transmitting the Commission's position on the Douglas Park project.
- Mr. Kunze stated that the City's budget was adopted by the City Council, however, the City Council requested a special briefing on the Airport budget and rates and fees. He distributed a copy of the presentation. Commissioner Alton asked if there were any information in the budget material as to the degree that any funds outside the Airport Enterprise Fund were provided revenue by the Airport. Mr. Kunze stated that there is information in the budget briefing in that regard.

Old Business

2005 Committee Assignments

Chairman Fox stated that the Commission roster will reflect one change, that Commissioner Soccio replaces Alan Fox on the Community Outreach subcommittee. He stated that concerning City Council liaison assignments, Commissioner Soccio was

assigned to gather preferences from the other Commissioners. The results were:

Chairman Fox	Rae Gabelich
Vice-Chair Salk	Frank Colonna
Commissioner Alton	Dan Baker
Commissioner Clever	Patrick O'Donnell
Commissioner Haubert	Bonnie Lowenthal
Commissioner Luskin	Laura Richardson
Commissioner Soccio	Tonia Reyes-Uranga
Commissioner Temple	Val Lerch
Commissioner Veady	Jackie Kell

New Business

Parcel X Request for Proposals

Mr. Steve O'Keefe gave an update on Parcel X-2 redevelopment plans. Mr. O'Keefe distributed handouts identifying the Parcel X-2 location on the Airport. He stated that the property's developable size is 3.36 acres. He stated that the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) provides that the parcel be used for aviation related parking. Mr. O'Keefe stated that the RFP will be scheduled within the next 45 days.

Commissioner Luskin stated that if the terminal improvements are accepted, along with parking for commuter aircraft which could require the taking of space from Million Air North and result in displacing general aviation aircraft, if there is sufficient general aviation aircraft parking in Parcel X-2. Mr. Kunze stated that Parcel X-2 is designed primarily for Parcel J spillover, and that the development of Parcel O is a better catchment area for any aircraft parking displaced by Terminal related issues.

Commissioner Haubert asked what businesses are currently being used on Parcels X-1 and X-2, and if the RFP is for both parcels. Mr. Kunze said that the RFP is only for Parcel X-2, that Parcel X-1 is only ½ acre, and is currently being used by the Airport maintenance section for storage, and that Parcel X-2 is unused except for periodic temporary equipment storage.

Mr. Matt Lee from Enterprise Rent-a-Car commented in support of terminal improvements. Chairman Fox stated that his comments might more appropriate for the Study Session to begin at 6p.

Commissioners Comments

None

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Jones, Airport Secretary
Long Beach Airport

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